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1. The J. Stalin Foundry (Huta Stalina, formerly Huta Labedy; prior to 1945, Herminen-Huette) is located on the outskirts of Labedy (Laband-Q51/Y38) on the east side of the Klodnitz Canal. Labedy is about 4 km. northwest of Gliwice (Gleiwitz).
2. Even prior to 1939, the foundry was an important enterprise. During the war it was much enlarged. Minor war damages have been repaired in the meantime. During the reported period, the plant was working to capacity. Prior to April 1953, no new buildings were constructed. Only repair work was observed. In January 1953, work was started on the construction of new coal mines in the Labedy forest. These mines were to deliver the coal required by the foundry.
3. After the summer of 1952, tanks were observed making test runs on the autobahn north of Gliwice. The tanks were manufactured at the J. Stalin Foundry in Labedy.

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Comment: present report points out that the foundry in Labedy has not been enlarged by the Poles, contrary to previous information.

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